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University Amateur Radio Clubs

Date: Tue, 19 Dec 89 10:19:53 -0900

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Subject: Broadband Antennas

shelby!neon!Neon.Stanford.EDU!kaufman@decwrl.dec.com (Marc T. Kaufman) writes:

>I have a nice site (2100', 7 acres), but zoning height restrictions (35'
>unless I want to pay big bux for a variance). Also, I am lazy. So I am
>thinking about broadband antennas. Specifically, I have seen ads for the
>Barker and Williamson AC 3.5-30, and the Garant GD-9. Both are long wire
>dipoles (windom in the case of Garant) with 'magic' matching networks.

I have (had) a B&W 3.5-30 MHz antenna, which was essentially a trapped dipole. I had it set up as a sloper, and it worked reasonably well, considering I didn't take time to tune the various segments as per the instruction sheet. One evening I noticed it was no longer in the air, and after hunting around I found the remains trailing off into the woods for a couple of hundred feet, with bits of moose hair caught in kinks in the wire. A couple of the trap housings broke, and I haven't been able to find similar-diameter plastic tubing at local building supply places, so it is sitting in a shed right now. Life is rarely dull here...when's the last time you saw a bulletin like this on your system: SYSTEM MAY GO DOWN WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO VOLCANO.

If you have 35' vertically and want to try something really different, you could set up an HF discone as shown in the ARRL Antenna Handbook. I've thought about trying one of those...there is enough room inside to make a nice outdoor gazebo for hot summer days, if you use wire screen in the cone part to keep bugs out. In the summer, your antenna could be your hamshack...

Don KL7JIQ

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Subject: DAYTON '90 !!

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Good Idea..

I would suggest using a 440 freq, I know it's more crowded, but I have never even seen a 220 talkie outside of a catalog, you would be more likely to get participation on 440.

See you at Dayton!

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Doug Drye KD4NC

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Subject: DAYTON '90 !!

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>From article <3296@kd4nc.UUCP>, by dug@kd4nc.UUCP (Doug Drye KD4NC):

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Can we just meet some where. I love Dayton and have gone for about 5 years but I am not a ham and would like to meet some of you.

K. Sebert

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Date: 19 Dec 89 11:5:28

From: David Waters <David_Waters.M1@smtp.ESL.COM>

Subject: Is ham radio worthwhile?

Message-ID: <8912191911.AA09570@esl.ESL.COM>

Is ham radio worthwhile?

Henry Pasternack writes:

>In senior high school, I largely lost interest in the hobby as so many
>hams began to turn into what appeared to be "appliance operators." In

>retrospect, I was also getting older, and the thrill of imagining >myself a child prodigy was no longer what it had used to be.

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>I know that there is a large community of dedicated, active, bright
>people who are still carrying on the tradition of technical excellence
>and public service through amateur radio. I suppose it is unrealistic
>to believe my perspective, and that of the rest of the amateur >community,
would remain the same while more than doubling my age. >Still, the hobby
doesn't seem the same. I wonder what I will find if I >probe further. Is
amateur radio still worth my while?

Two comments: First - I am of the class you call 'appliance operators'. I wonder
- do all hams have to be electrical engineers or build their radios and
equipment from parts to qualify as a 'real ham'? I find that I just enjoy
chatting with folks not from around here and generally satisfying myself that I
know enough about radio to operate. I resent the appliance operator label in how
you are applying it. Don't get me wrong - I have a lot of respect for hams that
know more than I do, and your listed accomplishments are something you are
obviously proud of - with good reason. Which brings me to point number two:

You're right! The hobby isn't the same! I let hamming slip by the wayside, and
returned to see packet in full swing. Now who could get a thrill from having a
computer operate the rig and do the same thing that you can do over the local
BBS or Hamnet in CompuServe, or even here? But slowly, I find there is yet
another new facet of ham radio evolving - and I want to learn it. Things will
never be the same, as it has been changing for years! The bad things (crummy
ops, jamming, 2 meters, etc) will always be around, but >I< think you should
'come back'! There's an incredible amount of incredible (to me, anyway) things
being done in amateur radio today.

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Date: 19 Dec 89 15:33:50 GMT
From: cbmvax!adam@rutgers.edu (Adam Keith Levin)
Subject: Mac vs IBM (and now "vs Amiga")
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In article <8912181720.AA02126@brazos.rice.edu> TROTH@RICEVM1.RICE.EDU (Rick Troth) writes:

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> [blush] Now I AM embarrassed. How could I have forgotten Amiga?!
>AmigaDOS supports multi-tasking 'out of the box'. Amiga gives you full
>power in either windowed or CLI environments. And, if I recall correctly,
>KA9Q has already been ported to it.
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The Amiga is also file-system compatible with MS-DOS when using third party products such as Cross-DOS, and can be expanded to be IBM-PC (XT or AT) compatible with the addition of a "BridgeBoard".

> Does anyone make a UN*X for Amiga? That would complete the picture.
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Yes, Commodore has announced that they will release Unix for the Amiga 2000 (with an accelerator card) and the Amiga 2500. The Unix "flavor" that we are currently working towards is AT&T System 5 release 4.

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> Rick Troth <TROTH@RICEVM1.RICE.EDU> ----- Rice ONCS VM Systems Support

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wilson@think.com>)
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Can anybody explain what a "dweeb" is? It's not listed in my American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language. Although I can infer a definition from the context in

which it's used, I prefer to have a precise definition.

Then I'll be able to use it to describe those who use such expressions to describe others who venture opinions that differ from their own.

Let's try to be civil. Ham radio is supposed to be a recreation, not a religion.

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Date: Tue, 19 Dec 89 16:54:00
From: hoffmann@EAGLE.MIT.EDU (Ron M. Hoffmann)
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The MIT Radio Society may still have a copy of a list compiled a few years ago by one of our members, W1XG.

This had been used to muster college stations to oppose a proposal by the FCC to abolish club callsigns.

I don't know if this info is still available but can check if someone really wants to know. It is certainly not in electronic form.

-Ron, WA2EYC, trustee for W1MX

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Does anyone know how I can be added to the sw info list?
Thanks, Rob Cassidy

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